Hospitals—115
Dispensaries—1399
Mobile—
Dispensaries—25
ESI Annexes—42

(d) and (e) The working of the ESI hospitals and dispensaries is generally satisfactory. However, there have been sporadic complaints about lack of proper medical care, shortage of medicines, inadequacy of medical equipments etc. The responsibility of providing medical care under the ESI Scheme vests with the respective State Governments, except in Delhi and NOIDA where the ESIC directly administers the medical care.

In order to ensure proper medical care for the insured persons the ESI Corporation has set up a General Purposes Sub-Committee comprising representatives of the employers, employees and Members of Parliament. This Committee visits ESI Hospitals and dispensaries in 2 to 3 States every year. The observations/recommendations of the Committee along with the comments of the Corporation are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for taking suitable remedial measures. At present there is no proposal to set up another Committee for conducting a review of the ESI Scheme.

Insurance of working children against accidents and diseases

1516. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make it mandatory for the employer to ensure working children against accidents and diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Wherever Child Labour is prohibited under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 the question of insurance against accidents and diseases does not arise and the emphasis should be on enforecement of the Act. In all other cases the provision for insurance against accident and diseases cannot be made exclusively for working children.

Exemption to Employees from New Pension Scheme

1517. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under consideration of Government to give the employees in the higher income brackets an option not to join the pension scheme and continue with the provident fund;

(b) if so, whether the employees will be entitled to the benefits of the previous family pension scheme which is being merged with the new one ; and

(c) if so, what the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) No, Sir. The proposed Employees Pension Scheme is compulsory for members of the existing Family Pension Scheme and for the employees who become members of the fund on or after 1-4-1993.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amendment to Industrial Disputes Act

1518. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to delete Section 25B of the Industrial Disputes Act; and

(b) if so, what are details thereof ?

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to introduce a new Industrial Relations Bill; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) There is no proposal under the consideration of Government to delete Section 25B of the industrial Disputes Act, 1947. However, specific proposals for amending the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and Trade Unions Act, 1926 based on the recommendations contained in the Ramanujam Committee Report while taking into consideration various other suggestions are being processed in consultation with the Ministry of Law.

Decline in relative shares of wages

1519. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will hte Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to new economic policy structural adjustments, relative share of wages in value added has declined both in organised and unorganised sectors ;

(b) whether it is more distinct in sectors like cotton textiles, man made fibres, rubber goods plantations, shipping engineering, chemicals;

(c) whether it is also a fact that wages earned by workers do not commensurate with the increased consumer price index ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that wages as percentage of the value of output is on a steady decline; and

(e) if so, what corrective measures Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) The Question is based on an article titled 'Relative share of wages in value added declines' that appeared in the 'Economic Times' (New Delhi edition) dated 29th April, 1993. The article is based on an analysis of company finance data from different samples, such as the Annual Survey of Industries, the Reserve Bank of India sample of companies and 248 balance sheets of private sector companies. The study is limited to only the organised sector and does not make any reference to the impact of structural adjustments under the new economic policy on wages. It would not be appropriate to comment on the results of such a study as the data, the definitional scope of various concepts used, the basis of sample selection and the analytical techniques employed can not completely be verified. However, it may be mentioned that the Minimum Wages Act which regulates the wages in the unorganised sector and the bilateral wages settlements operative in the organised sector provide for periodic wage revisions. A concept of dearness allowance linked to the Consumer Price Index has also been adopted both in the organised and unorganised sectors to neutralise the impact of price rise on wages.

बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों को बाहर भेजने में धोखाधड़ी

1520. **श्री सोम पाल :**
श्री शारदा महन्तो :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 24 अप्रैल, 1993 के राष्ट्रीय सहारा (दिल्ली) के पृष्ठ 2 पर "विदेश भेजने के नाम पर बेरोजगारों से करोड़ों रुपये ऐंठे" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या निजी एजेंसियों द्वारा बेरोजगारों को विदेश भेजने के नाम पर धोखाधड़ी की दिन प्रति दिन की घटनाओं को देखते हुए सरकार केवल सरकारी एजेंसियों को ही इस कार्य के लिए अधिक करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के श्रम राज्य मंत्री श्री पी.ए. संगमा: